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ference, the Begin government may take further steps such as holding early elections for an Administrative Council in the West Bank and Gaza, removing the few remaining elected Arab officials, extending Israeli law to the Jewish settlements, and perhaps even declaring de facto annexation of the occupied territories.

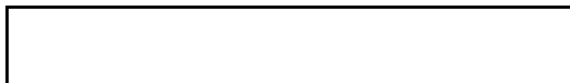
Lebanon

Reports that about 300 Fatah fighters have joined the pro-PLO Murabitun militia in West Beirut will increase the probability of an early showdown, with the Israelis insisting that president-elect Jumayyil take action to disarm and remove these forces from the city.

Iraq-Iran

Continued Iraqi air attacks on Khark Island and on foreign ships near the port of Bandar-e Khomeini may prompt Iran to carry out its threat to close the Persian Gulf to all shipping.

Another massive Iranian offensive on the Al Basrah front appears imminent, and the Iranians are likely to stage diversionary attacks elsewhere along the border.



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